SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 499

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer David Russell Munson, Knoxville Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Officer David Russell Munson, a well-respected and beloved member of the Knoxville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Munson was committed to the protection of the people of Knox County, spending his life serving the community as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer David Munson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a guardian to the citizens of Knoxville, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Officer Munson was an active and devout member of Chilhowee Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years as a member; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Christina Munson and was the son of Tom and Betty Munson, both proud of their son and his dedication and service to the community, sibling to brothers Daniel Munson, Tim Munson, and sister-in-law Melody Munson, uncle and aunt, Bruce and Fae Aylett, and nieces and nephew, Grace Munson, Jessica and Zeb Cramer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Munson was an organ donor, and his legacy in death is the same as in life, serving and helping others by providing life through his organ donations; and

WHEREAS, Officer Munson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors, a police officer to the end, he was buried in his uniform; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Knox County, and indeed the entire State, have felt the deep pain produced by this loss of one of our best and brightest law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Officer David Russell Munson, a man of impeccable character and limitless courage to whom so many looked as a shining example of bravery, benevolence, and dependability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer David Russell Munson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.